GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4594
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RECOGNITION AS TRIBES
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed the Central Government in July, 1996 totake an appropriate decision on the question of accepting the tribal people of Rawalta and Jaunpuri as members of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as observed by the Apex Court the tribes of various States have been agitating the issue since 1953;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon; and

(e) the extent to which these tribes fulfil the criteria and conditions, if any laid down for inclusion of a tribe amongst the Scheduled Tribes?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a)&(d) The Supreme Court in its order dated 8th July, 1996 in the matter Hukam SinghPanwar and others Vs. Union of India and others directed the Union of India totake an appropriate decision on the demand of Rawalta and Jaunpuri communitiesfor their specification as Scheduled Tribes.

(c) No such information is available in the Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Report has been called for from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh fordetermining the tribal characteristics of these communities as required under Article 342 of the Constitution of India.